

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Before paragraph [0001], please insert the following new paragraphs.

### (New) CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

(New) This application is a National Phase Application of Patent Application of PCT/EP03/04392 filed 28 April 2003, which claims priority to DE 102 20 414.4, filed on 8 May 2002, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

### (New) BACKGROUND

Before paragraph [0008], please insert the following,

### (New) SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Before paragraph [0010], please insert the following,

### (New) DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In the abstract,

(Amended) A process for overcoating multicoat paint systems comprising ~~a color and/or effect basecoat (A) produced from an aqueous basecoat material (A) and a clearcoat (B) produced from a liquid clearcoat material (B)~~, comprises

- (1) applying by pneumatic spray application to the multicoat paint systems the extract, free from opaque pigments, of ~~the an~~ aqueous basecoat material (A) or of a corresponding aqueous basecoat material,
- (2) flashing off and/or drying the resulting film (1) without curing it completely,
- (3) coating by pneumatic spray application at a reduced spraying pressure the resulting flashed off and/or dried film (2) with the aqueous basecoat material (A) or a corresponding aqueous basecoat material,
- (4) flashing off and/or drying the resulting aqueous basecoat film (3) without curing it completely,
- (5) coating the resulting flashed off and/or dried aqueous basecoat film (4) with a liquid clearcoat material, and
- (6) jointly curing the resulting clearcoat film (5), the aqueous basecoat film (4) and the film (1), and, where appropriate, any further uncured films that are present.